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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 5; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.
- 3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.
- 4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.
- 5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.
- 6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Post by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.
- 8.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business," be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fee by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.
- 12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WITH Reference to the above, BUSINESS will be commenced on the 1st MAY, 1884.

For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Acts 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD.
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3½ per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

J. MELVILLE MATSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1559

Intimations.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, HONGKONG.

President:
MAJOR-GENERAL SARGENT, C.B.
Chairman:
HON. E. L. O'MALLEY, ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

A CENTRE OF THE ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION having been formed in Hongkong, LADIES and GENTLEMEN wishing to join are requested to send their NAMES to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible. Subscription, \$2 and upwards.

The First Class for LADIES will be held at the City Hall TO-MORROW at 11 a.m., and for GENTLEMEN on TUESDAY NEXT, at 5.30 p.m., and will be continued on the same days every week.

EDWARD W. KEAY, R.N.,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, November 19, 1884. 1962

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS OF NOTES OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH), are hereby requested to present them to the Liquidators of the Bank, when they will be given in exchange a certificate of the value of the Notes deposited.

Holders of Notes will be required to furnish to the Liquidators of the Bank, a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of issue, Number and Amount of each Note produced.

Forms of Schedule may be had on application at the Office of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,
J. MELVILLE MATSON,
H. HOWARD TAYLOR.
Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1285

NOTICE.

THE attention of Connoisseurs in MANILA CIGARS is invited to our Stock of "SPECIAL VIGOR," a smoke made to our order from the Finest Leaf Tobacco of the Philippines. In Boxes of 100 price \$3.50.

A. S. WATSON & Co.
Hongkong, November 3, 1884. 1867

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The accommodation and service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied Table d'Hôte is always served in the spacious, large Dining Hall. The Hotel also contains handsome and comfortable reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The Hotel is unsuited for comfort, convenience and quiet service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABHEE and HING KEE,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1559

HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

CANCELLING previous Notices, the Company now propose COLLECTING DELIVERING CLOTHING, &c., ON a Week as follows:

On and after MONDAY, the 20th Instant, 1st or Western District, ON MONDAYS.

From the Upper Levels of No. 2 or Central District, ON TUESDAYS.

From the Lower Levels of No. 2 or Central District, ON WEDNESDAYS.

And from No. 3 or Eastern District, ON THURSDAYS.

DELIVERIES in each District will be made on the corresponding days in the succeeding week.

ALEX. BAIN,
Manager.
Hongkong, October 13, 1884. 1740

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ARE NOW SHEWING THEIR

New Christmas Toys.

THIS Year's Parcel contains ELECTRICAL and MECHANICAL TOYS; also a Splendid Assortment of NOVELTIES—

A 'MASCOTTE'

MECHANICAL CLOWN and MICE.
CIRCUS RIDER.
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MAN and PIG.
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JOCKEY and HORSE.
MONKEY and DOG.
COCK FIGHT.
ORGAN GRINDERS.
CHINAMAN.
MACHINE GUN.
GUN BOAT.
DUMPTY SHOW.

MUSICAL MONKEY.
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A FIVE-ROOMED DOLLS' HOUSE,
AND
A LARGE FATHER CHRISTMAS.

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Hongkong, November 22, 1884. 1968

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ANOTHER CONSIGNMENT OF OVERSTRUNG TRICHORD COTTAGE

PIANOS,

By ROSENKRANZ.

Specially manufactured for this climate.

COMPLETE IRON FRAME AND TUNING PLATE,
Unrivalled for Brilliance and Sweetness of Tone.

PIANOS.
Price for Cash, from \$230 to \$250.
On Hire, per month, from \$15 to \$20.

Special attention is called to the fact that after having hired a Piano for 14 months, it will become without further payment the property of the hirer.

INSPECTION SOLICITED.
Lessons given in Singing and on the Pianoforte.

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Hongkong, October 24, 1884. 1798

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LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES.

MOUSQUETAIRE, KID AND SILK GLOVES.

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Ladies' and Children's MILLINERY, HOSIERY, CORSETS, TOWNBURES, Children's MADE DRESSES and BONNETS, WOOLLEN GAITERS, INFANTS' JACKETS, PETTICOATS, BOYS' JERSEY SUITS, PLAIN and FANCY DRESS MATERIALS of Newest Shades and TEXTURE, VELVETS, VELVETRENS, PLAIN and SHOT PLUSHES, PLAIN and SHOT SILKS, STAMPED VELVET and SILK BROCHES, EVERY NOVELTY for EVENING WEAR, GRENADINES, GUAZES, LACES, LACE FLOUNCINGS, FIGURED NETS, GIMPS, FRINGES, CLASPS, BUTTONS, FANS, FAN GUIDES, FLOWERS, FLOWER DRESS SETS, WRAPS, and a Large Variety of OTHER GOODS suitable for the Season.

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Queen's Road.
Hongkong, November 15, 1884. 1928

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Superfine

BLACK CLOTH

DRESS SUITS,

THIRTY DOLLARS.

Hongkong, November 20, 1884. 1959

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Black Silks and Brocade Silks. Plain, Black and Brocade Silk VELVETS. Very Handsome MILLINERY VELVETS. Beaded Gold, Silver and Steel. Beaded BONNET CROWNS and LACES to match Velvets. GLOVES in all Colours. New FLOWERS, FRINGES and Hat ORNAMENTS. Ladies' Wool Hats, Shoes and Petticoats. Ladies' Wool Shawls in large variety. Hongkong, November 15, 1884. 1931

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 26th November, 1884, at 12 o'clock, Noon, instead of 2 p.m., at the 'HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS,' Wyndham Street,—

THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

CARTON-MADE BLACKWOOD MARBLE-TOP ROUND CENTRE TABLE.
CRETONNE and DAMASK COVERED DRAWING-ROOM and BED-ROOM SUITES.
CHIMNEY GLASSES, OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS and ORNAMENTS.
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A BILLIARD TABLE, by SMITH, London, with BALLS, CUES, &c., complete, &c., &c.
Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, November 21, 1884. 1955

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

A BOROUGHES & WATTS' SOLID MARBLED BILLIARD TABLE, Complete with CUES, POOL, PYRAMID, &c., BALLS, MARKING BOARD, RESTS, EXTRA CLOTH, &c., &c.
Just arrived per Glenalloch.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, November 4, 1884. 1835

FOR SALE.

COURSE, DISTANCE, AND AVERAGE SPEED TABLES, FROM LONDON, via THE SUEZ CANAL, TO INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN, &c., WITH VARIOUS OTHER TABLES AND NOTES, BY W. A. GULLAND.

It is obtained at the 'CHINA MAIL' OFFICE, Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., FALCONER & Co.

Hongkong, September 2, 1884. 1475

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MINERVA—BRUNNEN.

A DANGEROUS NATURAL MINERAL WATER in Cases of 60 Bottles each, \$7.00. In do. 48 Bottles each, \$6.00.

Apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, November 10, 1884. 1897

FOR SALE.

JULES MUM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Quarts, \$20 per Case of 1 doz. Pints, \$21 " " 2 " "

Dubos Frères & Co. of Gernon & Co.'s BORDEAUX CLARETS and WHITE WINES.

Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Brim' WHISKY, \$7½ per Case of 1 doz. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

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BUDDHISM: ITS HISTORICAL, THEORETICAL AND POPULAR ASPECTS, BY ERNEST J. HITEH, Ph.D., Tutor, TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

REVISED, WITH ADDITIONS.

Price, \$1.50.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, August 20, 1884. 1508

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EXTRA FINE QUALITY FRENCH BUTTER, BRAND 'DUC DE NORMANDIE,'—THE OLDEST BUTTER.

PACKING ESTABLISHMENT IN NORMANDY.

IN 1½ tin and Cases of 49 tins each. Sold in Quantities of not less than one dozen tins, at \$6 per Dozen.

Reduction made to Purchasers of one case and upwards.

G. R. LAMBERT,
Sole Agent.
Hongkong, October 4, 1884. 1683

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TAILOR, DRAPEE & OUTFITTER, No. 55, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

HAS NOW LANDED, FOR SALE:

ALL Kinds of AUTUMN and WINTER WOOLLEN CLOTHES.

DAMASK, REP, and CRETONNES for Curtains and Covering Furniture.

CHAMBER'S Gentlemen's New Zephyr Black, Drab, and Brown KILT HATS.

All Sorts of Fancy and Black SILK SCARVES, TIES, WHITE DRESS TIES.

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WHITE TABLE CLOTHS, NAPKINS, SILK & CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS, and TOWELS.

Best Kinds of TOILET PERFUMES and SOAPS.

DANES' BOOTS, SHOOTING BOOTS, SHOES and TENNIS SHOES, &c., &c. AT LOW PRICES.
Hongkong, October 28, 1884. 1605

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Steamers.

FOR SWATOW AND AMOY.

The Steamship *Forty*, Capt. MANDER, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 23rd Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, November 21, 1884. 1956

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship *Mastika* will leave for the above place on SUNDAY, the 23rd Inst., at 10 a.m.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, November 21, 1884. 1962

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Jason*, Capt. MINZMAN, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 23rd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, November 18, 1884. 1945

THE EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, TASMANIA, and FIJI.)

The Steamship *Thames*, Capt. GIBB, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 26th Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, November 10, 1884. 1950

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship *Scarcia*, Capt. GIBB, will be despatched as above on 20th Instant, will have prompt despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, November 10, 1884. 1921

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Thames*, Capt. GIBB, will be despatched as above on 20th Instant.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, November 8, 1884. 1889

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, ODESSA, and the MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Thames*, Capt. GIBB, will be despatched as above on or about FRIDAY, the 22nd Instant, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELOCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong,

NOTES FROM THE METROPOLIS.

(From our Correspondent.)

London, Oct. 15th.

Lottories are illegal here, and the police 'jump' particularly upon the peripatetic tables, which the owners erect and dismount with equal equality. A man was brought up at the Guildhall, and most unjustly fined. 'Fair play's a jewel,' hardly seemed to have been the motto of this sort of toil. His stock-in-trade consisted of a board marked in various colours, a revolving spindle and a wire underneath. He 'pulled the wires' to his own advantage, sweeping the board when there was anything to sweep, and yet he was fined for keeping a game of chance!!

Englishwomen for a long time bore an unequal reputation for want of taste in dressing. Their waists were high, nature was not assisted by art and over their boots we will draw a veil. They have changed all that for the better. But in the matter of bathing costumes they are still where they were in the days of Noah. A more object spectacle than an English girl taking horse is both it is difficult to think of. And the change even to the uninitiated male understanding is so simple. A costume with no arms, fitting tightly to the waist, prettily braided, with knickerbockers of some good bright colour, would be a great relief.

More than a year ago I related how a young workman employed at a nobleman's house in fixing electric wires met with a sudden death. 'Killed by a dynamo' will be a form of life destruction which may yet be as familiar as household words. At the Health Exhibition early on Wednesday morning an attendant was hurled with awful suddenness into eternity. Eli Bates, an electrician, gave evidence that scores of times he had warned the dead man against touching the machine with both hands; with one it was perfectly safe. The deceased was seen by a visitor to place both hands upon the instrument and in a moment fell back dead. May the powers that do not delay in grasping the advantages science has provided, and make the gallows and the hangman's rope a relic of less enlightened times.

Mr Bradlaugh has been spouting upon atheism. We learn that no atheist can be a guardian of the peace, barrister, notary, soldier, marine, military man, Customs House officer, or member of Parliament. Mr Bradlaugh's own impressions are that in a country like this, the flag of which floats over millions of men of diverse conflicting faiths, a fair fight for all to the expression and exposition and advocacy of their opinions is the only position.

The French Government have hit on rather an ingenious mode of raising the revenue by levying a tax of 1s. per head on all Ocean passengers. This is a free country, otherwise it would be shameful to see a duty imposed on the swarms of foreigners who make this country a happy hunting ground.

Some slight idea of the wants of this great metropolis may be gathered from the landing at Harwich on one single day of one hundred and thirty tons of eggs for London.

The road to salvation and the road to ruin are not unconnected it would seem. At Luton a publican recently forsook all and followed General Booth. He pitched his beer into the gutter; his shrub and cherry brandy, dear to the heart of middle aged females in frosty weather, he intermingled with the mud by the road side and gained his reward by posing as a hero at Exeter Hall. Now, this publican and his son are charged with fraudulent bankruptcy.

A very excellent mode of clearing the underground railway of foul air is shortly to be adopted. The wonder is it has not been brought into operation earlier. The tunnel is to be divided by a partition and the engines are to be fitted with a collar which will force out the foul air. Query: will the air allow itself to be forced out?

The Empire Theatre Company is in liquidation. We take this news quite as a matter of course. Splendid undertakings of this magnitude always appear fated to ruin several cliques of speculators before they begin to pay, vide the Langham Hotel. Now I hear the new proprietors have secured this magnificent place of entertainment for £50,000, one half the cash paid out not a year ago.

'I suppose you have a lot of people bathing here in the summer,' said a mild young man to a weather-beaten bathing machine man at Brighton. 'Yes sir,' said the old man, 'we do rinse a few.'

At the police court of Wednesday a man was brought up for disorderly conduct in the public streets. The offence displayed such invention that the culprit should be worth looking after. He will blossom later, doubtless, into a great inventor. He pulled up a fire plug in the middle of the road, produced a stream of water 15 feet high and then provided a rather rude bath for a boy who, quite naked, enjoyed a 'rinse' whilst the offender held his clothes. He was fined 10s.

Some people are inveterate tract distributors. They cast the good seed about broadcast, trusting to chance that it may strike root and blossom into a goodly tree. They leave them in railway trains, they hand them round in omnibuses and trams. But a lady in Bath has shown her ingenuity to soar beyond these vulgar limits. On the back of an invoice for which

she was remitting, she inscribed the following:—
Oh! tell me not of lovers' gold,
For never yet was true love sold;
Is this too deep, it seems too high
For powers to teach, or wealth to buy.
'The heart,' 'the soul,' what precious gems
Shall pay a fitting price for them?
Worthless if purchased, worth, when given,
The Crown of Kings, the bliss of Heaven.

I felt quite a delicacy about receiving the value of my goods with the seventh-line resting on my memory.

It is said that the Marquis of Waterford has resolved to sell his Irish estates on account of the boycotting of sport. It is not only hunting men in this troublesome island who are molested. A Major Chasme, near Cappoquin, was shooting over his own land when he was pelted with mud and stones by his own tenantry and was chased for a mile and a half through the field. Ardent sportsmen, defending the chase, say that man like it, the horses like it, the dogs like it, and probably even the fox thinks the excitement of the game worth the candle. On this point Major Chasme can speak with full authority. Possibly some of your readers are not without experience of the same sort. I know that five of us were together a few nights back, and rows with coolies being discussed everybody had his tale to tell in which a 'bee line' for the bungalow was not an unknown quantity; and one related how an enormous English bull dog was a good first in the night, not feeling happy until it was safely under the sofa. Had it only stopped and looked, the running would have been on the coolies' side.

The latter part of the paragraph refers to a certain memorable morning. A planter had a friend up on a visit, and the first morning of his arrival the visitor was keen to see the master, an entire novice to him. Before the sun was high that visitor ardently wished the master had remained a novelty to him. Somehow the 'dora' and the coolies did not quite hit it off. A row in the lines was the result. The visitor looked on, but in stooping to look into the abode of the ringleader, that portion of his person devoted to repose became acquainted in a very painful manner with a stalwart 'ambiguiboo.' Then the master, the friend and the afforsaid bull-dog, commenced a pleasant race for home quarters, the quadruped winning by several heads.

THE RUSSIAN FORCES ON THE CHINESE FRONTIER.

The *Gazette Diplomatique* gives the following particulars as to the force which Russia has at the present time upon the frontier of China. The Russian army upon the Amur, under the orders of General Anitchkin, includes 9,000 infantry and 4,000 cavalry—the latter, Cosack or irregular troops, armed with repeating rifles, under the command of Prince Sayn-Wittgenstein-Berleburg, who has already distinguished himself in the wars of the Caucasus. The artillery consists of a brigade of three batteries, with eight guns each. There is considerable difficulty in reinforcing these troops, except the irregular cavalry, which is continually being recruited by volunteers, who join in the hope of getting some loot. The Russian frontier upon the Amur consists of several steamers, which would be of great service if they were not blocked by ice during so many months of the year. Owing to the rough character of the country the frontier is almost entirely unprotected throughout the province of Irkutsk, for no army could obtain food or execute any manoeuvres in this mountainous region. Upon the Kulda side, the Russians, being nearer their base of operations, have a much larger force. Their artillery forms an effective of forty-eight mountain or mounted batteries, while the force of infantry is from 16,000 to 18,000 strong, drawn from the Turkestan and from the provinces of Omsk and Tomsk, when supplies can easily be sent to the frontier. The cavalry numbers about 9,000 Cosacks and irregulars, and can easily be reinforced by 4,000 or 5,000 more. The army of Irkutsk can be drawn from 35,000, and at a campaign a large stretch of territory no large contingent could be drawn from it. In the event of an expedition the Russians would be compelled to make Orenburg, which is the terminus of their railway in this direction, their base of operations, and to carry their supplies by the railway to the frontier. It is impossible to form even an approximate estimate of the number of the Chinese forces upon either side of the frontier, but troops which occupy Khen-garia and Kulda, which these provinces were then commanded by Tso-Tung-tang.

AN ALARMING DISEASE AFFLICTING A NUMEROUS CLASS.
The disease commences with a slight derangement of the stomach, but, if neglected, it is in successive stages, embracing the kidneys, liver, pancreas, and, in fact, the entire glandular system, and the afflicted drags out a miserable existence until death gives relief from suffering. The disease is often mistaken for other complaints, but the reader will find him the following questions, he will be able to determine whether he himself is one of the afflicted:—'Have I distress, pain, or difficulty in breathing after eating? Is there a dull, heavy feeling attended by drowsiness? Have the eyes a yellow tinge? Does a thick, sticky, mucous matter about the gums and teeth in the mornings, accompanied by a disagreeable taste? Is the tongue coated? Is there pain in the side and back? Is there a fulness about the right side as if the liver was enlarging? Is there constipation? Is there vertigo or dizziness when rising suddenly from a horizontal position? Are the secretions from the kidneys scanty and highly coloured, with a deposit after standing? Does food ferment soon after eating, accompanied by flatulence or a belching of gas from the stomach? Is there frequent palpitation of the heart? These various symptoms may not be present at one time, but they torment the sufferer in turn as the dreadful disease progresses. If the case be one of long standing, there will be dry, hacking cough, attended after a time by expectoration. In very advanced stages the skin assumes a dirty brownish appearance, and the hands and feet are covered by a cold, sticky perspiration. As the liver and kidneys become more and more diseased, rheumatic pains appear, and the usual treatment proves entirely unavailing against this latter agonising disorder. The origin of this malady is indigestion or dyspepsia, and a small quantity of the proper

medicine will remove the disease if taken in its incipient stage. It is most important that the disease should be promptly and properly treated in its first stages, when a little medicine will effect a cure, and even when it has obtained a strong hold the correct remedy should be persevered in until every vestige of the disease is eradicated, until the appetite has returned, and the digestive organs restored to a healthy condition. The surest and most effectual remedy for this distressing complaint is 'Seigel's Curative Syrup,' a vegetable preparation sold by all Chemists and Medicine Vendors throughout the world, and by the proprietors, A. J. White, Limited, 17, Farringdon Road, London, E.C. This Syrup strikes at the very foundation of the disease, and drives it, root and branch, out of the system.

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